

98-16; Review of Grain Handling Facilities Standard and Information Collection Requirements



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INFORMATION

Federal OSHA has requested comments on the Grain Handling Facilities Standard and Information Collection Requirements in two separate Federal Register Notices. Currently Grain Handling Facilities are required to have written plans and procedures for:

- an Emergency Action Plan,
- a Housekeeping Plan,
- Lock out Tag out Procedures,
- Confined Space Entry Procedures, and
- Hot Work Permits

OSHA is requesting information under a July 26 Federal Register Notice at page 34931 as to whether the **information collection requirements** are necessary, or practical; OSHA is looking to evaluate the accuracy of information collected; and for any suggestions to enhance the quality utility or clarity of the information. Lastly, OSHA is interested in reducing the burden this information places on grain handling facilities by using or adopting appropriate automated technology. **Comments are solicited and are due by August 25th.**

IN ADDITION: OSHA in the June 23 Federal Register at page 34139 is requesting comments on the overall grain handling standard in 29 CFR 1919.272 (published in December 1987.) **OSHA is reviewing this entire standard** and desires to gather and analyze information from industry regarding the standard and any experiences with the current regulations. OSHA specifically is seeking to identify impacts on

small business and ways to reduce the regulatory burden. OSHA is holding two public meetings (July 28 in Chicago and July 31 in Washington D.C.) to hear comments as to the standard or requirements. **Written comments are also solicited and are due by August 31st.**

ACTION

Operators of Grain Handling Facilities should take note of the opportunity to comment, discuss and possibly change the OSHA requirements on this segment of our industry.

29 CFR 1910.272 Regulations can be found at: www.osha.gov; Click on "OSHA Regulations"; then "Part 1910"; then on "1910 Subpart R"; Scroll to 1919.272

June 23 Federal Register Vol 63, Page 34139 can be found at: www.osha.gov Click on "Federal Register"; enter "standard number" (1910.272) or follow directions for date or page.

June 26 Federal Register Vol 63 Page 34931 can be found at: www.osha.gov; Click on "Regulations and Compliance"; then "Information Collection Requests"; then "ICRs open for comment".

PMA Area TAPD Offices can also call up this information.